GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS
LOK SABHA

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APPOINTMENT OF LOKPAL
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Will the Minister of PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the reason for delay in appointment of Lokpal;

(b) the recommendations of the Group of Ministers on Lokpal;

(c) whether the Cabinet has approved the recommendations of the GoM on the appointment of Lokpal;

(d) if not, the hurdles identified in setting up of Rashtriya Lokayukta; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.(SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

(a) to (e) : The National Common Minimum Programme of the Government envisages the enactment of Lokpal Legislation. In accordance with this commitment, a Group of Ministers constituted for the purpose has submitted its recommendations. However, before its recommendations could be considered by the Cabinet, the fourth report of the 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) titled "Ethics in Governance" has been received. A view is yet to be formulated on the recommendations of ARC on Lokpal. It is the endeavour of the Government to introduce the legislation in the Parliament as early as possible.